



City of Rowlett

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, February 11, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Annex Building – 4004 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Kilgore, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Dana-Bashian, Councilmember Pankratz and Councilmember Bobbitt

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed members of the Parks Advisory Board and Keep Rowlett Beautiful.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

2A. Discuss and consider options for Kids Kingdom, including timeline, playground options, costs, and fundraising efforts. (45 minutes)

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, along with Keith Flournoy, Parks Division Manager, reviewed the steps taken so far by Council and the Parks Advisory Board – tours of other communities and the parks they have in place and what would be wanted in Rowlett. They included a timeline for the Kids Kingdom project, building material options, and possible locations within Herfurth Park.

Lengthy discussion regarding deciding locations within Herfurth Park, size and cost of playground, and the lack of a completed Master Plan. It was the consensus of Council to delay any decisions regarding location and content until there is a Master Plan for Herfurth Park presented to the Park Advisory Board and to the City Council. There is a tentative Design Day to receive community input scheduled for April 6th.

2B. Discuss and seek direction from City Council on the Community Development Block

Grant (CDBG) Grant Resource Allocation. (30 minutes)

Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager, provided a summary of steps already taken, a review of the total grant amount and the restrictions relating to its allocation, and a reminder that parks (public facilities) are eligible for funds. It was the consensus of Council to make improvements to Isaac Scruggs Parks and remaining funds be used for public services.

2C. Discuss Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software Acquisition. (60 minutes)

Alan Guard, Director of Financial and Information Services, provided background on the IT updates thus far. Staff members, Theresa Heath, Wendy Badgett, Allyson Wilson, and Marvin Gibbs provided detailed explanations of the processes currently in place and the efficiency savings that would be provided to their respective departments with this new technology. John Murray, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, stated that the efficiency savings did not necessarily translate to position reduction. Brian Funderburk, City Manager, explained that the efficiency savings would allow for capacity.

David Carll with Tyler Technologies, was able to provide an explanation for the higher cost of a hosted solution and provided statistics relating to that service.

3. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: March 18, 2014